

### REMARKS

The present application has been amended to recite that it is the national stage filing of corresponding international application number PCT/IB2004/000243, filed February 3, 2004, which claims priority to and the benefit of the European application no. 03002375.8, filed February 4, 2003. Claims 1 and 41-99 are pending in this application. Claims 2-40 of the related international application have been canceled. New claims 41-99 have been added to this national stage U.S. filing. No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2168.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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